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(a) A lower average price to the vessel owner for his cargo.
(b) Prejudicing the markets against Pacific coast fish.

4. Overproduction brought about by

(a) Rapid increase in American fleet due to exaggerated idea of possible profits and the ease with which it was possible for masters and sailors on fishing vessels to secure capital for vessels of their own without reasonable security.

(b) Increased output of Canadian halibut fisheries induced by removal of American duty.

Good Share.

The crew of sch. W. H. Reed shared \$80 as a result of her seining trip in Boston Saturday.

Halibut at Portland.

Sch. Catherine Burke, Capt. Daniel McDonald, is in Portland today with 20,000 pounds of fresh halibut.

The Mackerel Catch.

The mackerel catch to date is 63,865 barrels, fresh and 12,282 barrels salt. In 1915 it was 38,086 barrels fresh and 3738 barrels salt.

For the week ending August 28, the receipts were 745 barrels fresh and 700 barrels salt as compared with 1855 barrels fresh and 438 barrels salt for the corresponding week of last year.

To date, 6100 barrels of fresh mackerel have been imported at Boston, while a year ago, the amount was 10,161 barrels. Salt mackerel imports to date total 7154 barrels as compared with 4870 barrels in 1913.

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Whaling on Fishing Grounds.

The incoming fleet report the presence of large schools of sharks and numerous whales in the South Channel and fishing grounds. This is not unusual at this time of the year, however, the presence of whales being considered by the fishermen as a good mackerel omen. Sharks have been playing havoc with the fishermen and in consequence of the scarcity of fish, caused by these pests, wholesale fresh prices climbed considerably during the latter part of last week.

Lunenburg Vessels Were Not Afraid.

The presence of German cruisers in the North Atlantic does not seem to have scared the Lunenburg fishing fleet to any noticeable extent. So far as we have heard they have stayed on the banks as though nothing extraordinary had happened, the Halifax Maritime Merchant says. We understand that a meeting was held at Lunenburg immediately after war was declared and that the conclusion reached was that the vessels' crews had no cause for fear. Recently an item appeared in the New York "Journal of Commerce" to the effect that the Hague agreement guarantees protection to fishermen in the peaceful pursuit of their avocation.

ONE FARE HERE DOWN TO SPLIT

The only arrival here today was sch. Leonora Silveria, down from Boston with 70,000 pounds fresh fish to split.

Vessels Sailed.

Steamer Quoddy, seining.
Steamer Philomena, seining.
Steamer Sam and Priscilla, seining.
Sch. Kineo, halibuting.

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Salt Fish.

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Flitched halibut, 8 1-2c, 6c and 3c per lb.

Hake, \$1.80.

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Salt medium mackerel, \$18.50 per bbl.

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Splitting prices:

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Drift cod, large, \$2.40; medium, \$2.

All codfish, not gilled, 10c per 100 pounds less than above.

Hake, \$1.80.

Cusk, large, \$1.65; medium, \$1.20; snappers, 50c.

Pollock, \$1.

Small pollock, 60c per bbl.

Fresh halibut 7c per lb. for white, 5c for small gray, 3c for large gray.

Large shore herring, \$3 per bbl. for bait; \$2 t freezer; \$1.75 to salt.

Fresh mackerel, 25c each for large, 18c for medium, 5c per lb. for tinkers.

Fresh shad, \$2.50 per bbl.

Fresh halibut, 9c per lb. for white, 7c for small gray and 5c for large gray.

Whiting, 60c per bbl.

ATHLETE ASHORE BUT IS FLOATED

The Gorton-Pew Fisheries Company has received a despatch notifying them that sch. Athlete, Capt. Thomas Benham, one of the salt banking fleet, went ashore Thursday last at Isaacs Harbor, N. S. She was gotten off and towed to Port Hawkesbury for repairs. The damage it is believed is slight. She had about 40,000 pounds of salt cod at the time. As soon as she comes off the ways, Capt. Benham will resume his trip.

PRICES RULE LOW AT BOSTON TODAY

Fresh fish receipts at Boston today were in light supply. The largest trip was that of sch. Russell, hailing for 103,000 pounds and 11 swordfish besides.

Prices ruled low, wholesalers paying \$1.50 to \$2.25 a hundred pounds for haddock, \$6 to \$6.50 for large and \$2 to \$3 for market cod, \$2 to \$3 for hake, \$1.50 to \$2 for pollock and \$2.25 for cusk.

Boston Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Str. Long Island, 49,000 haddock, 1200 cod.

Sch. Russell, 70,000 haddock, 30,000 cod, 3000 pollock, 11 swordfish.

Sch. W. M. Goodspeed, 3000 haddock, 10,000 cod, 3500 pollock.

Sch. Francis S. Grueby, 15,000 haddock, 12,000 cod, 9000 pollock.

Sch. Manhasset, 22,000 haddock, 28,000 cod, 9000 pollock.

Sch. Mary Edith, 2000 cod, 25,000 hake, 5000 cusk, 600 pollock.

Sch. Actor, 12,000 pollock.

Sch. Eva Avina, 10,000 pollock.

Sch. Esther Gray, 11,000 pollock.

Sch. Ethel B. Penny, 37,000 haddock, 3100 cod, 3500 hake.

Sch. Mary C. Santos, 54,000 haddock, 25,000 cod.

Sch. Ruth, 14,000 haddock, 29,000 cod, 4000 pollock.

Str. Naomi Bruce, 18,000 lbs. small fresh mackerel.

Str. Anna T., 10,000 lbs. small fresh mackerel.

Sch. Success, 9000 lbs. small fresh mackerel.

Str. Ethel, 7000 lbs. small fresh mackerel.

Str. A. B. Nickerson, 40,000 lbs. small fresh mackerel.

Str. Independence II, 11,000 lbs. small fresh mackerel.

Str. Water Witch, 8000 lbs. small fresh mackerel.

Haddock, \$1.50 to \$2.25 per cwt.; large cod, \$6 to \$6.50; market cod, \$2 to \$3; hake, \$2 to \$3; pollock, \$1.50 to \$2; cusk, \$2.25; small fresh mackerel, 5 1-2 cents per lb.

Steamers Make Mackerel

Hauls.

The fleet of small steamers made some nice hauls of mackerel again yesterday down off the Highland, seven of them being at the Boston fish pier this morning with fares ranging from 40,000 pounds down to 8000 pounds. The largest trip is that of steamer A. B. Nickerson of Provincetown. Fresh mackerel, small, sold at 5 1-2 cents a pound in Boston today.

The salt mackerel fare of sch. Arthur James sold to the Gloucester Mackerel company for \$18.50, barrel for barrel.

The salt mackerel fare of steamer Philomena, Capt. John McKinnon, sold to the E. K. Burnham Fish Company for the lump sum of \$190 for 11 barrels.

Sch. Arthur James, Capt. Archie Devine, stocked \$4299.50 and the crew shared \$91.17 on her lost seining trip.

NO CHANGE FOR LONDON EXPORT

Says the Halifax Maritime Merchant: An article appeared in one of the local papers last week intimating Gloucester, Mass., expected to make large quantities of dried codfish for England as a result of the war situation. The best opinion here does not believe that this is at all probable. England is not a dried fish consuming country. As a matter of fact, if the herring fleet are able to go out of reasonable strength, the United Kingdom is likely to have more herring than she can consume, and as between fresh herring and salt codfish there is very little doubt as to which the British people will buy. The London "Fish Trades Gazette" of August 28 says that "from the moment it became known that peace negotiations between Germany and Russia had failed, the herring trade was in a panic. Normal circumstances Russia, Germany between them purchase three-fourths of the herring catch of Great Britain, and the herrings are cured specially to suit the Continent markets. Some hundreds of thousands of barrels of cured herrings at several fishing stations on the East and West coasts are accumulated. The green fish for these was purchased at abnormally high prices, and stocks lying on hand with no chance of a market will mean absolute loss to many struggling merchants forced to realise."

In face of such a situation it seems not at all improbable that the British Government will resist its ruling regarding the non-exportation of food products so far as herrings are concerned. It might be possible for Canada to market some bone-light salted cod in the old country but we should think there was a poor chance for what we know as Lunenburg "Bank" fish on the British market.

COMPLAINS OF STEAM TRAWLER

Walter E. Rushforth, a Lawton editor, complains to Mayor C. that fishermen employed by some of the steam trawlers running in and out of Boston, are compelled to live in "the most disgusting working and sleeping quarters." Mr. Rushforth is not certain that the Mayor has any legal power in the premises, but feels sure that the Mayor can stir proper authorities to prompt action.

N. F. Banker Did Poorly.

The banking sch. Metamora, John Lewis, formerly owned in Lunenburg, which was fitted the past season with an auxiliary engine before being sold to the fishery has so far been doing very poorly. On the first trip she landed 700 quintals, but since then she has done almost nothing. She is on the coast seeking squid and has having obtained that she will go to Labrador to finish up the year.

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NEW FISH GROUND IN HUDSON STRAIT

That a rich new fishing ground is located by the waters of Hudson Strait is set forth in a report to the Marine and Fisheries Department by Dominion Fishery Officer Thomas Munro. Its salmon catch particularly may rival that of British Columbia. The area is practically a virgin and large supplies of valuable fish could be taken. The difficulties of the sparse population and lack of men and the very short season. Port Burwell as a centre, trawling could be done during eight or twelve weeks. There is no limit to the quantity of codfish, a few loads of which are garnered by Newfoundland vessels which come up every year. The weather is perfect for fishing, but so favorable for drying them on the spot. The catches, however, can be salted and taken home to the curries, just as is the practice of Lunenburg fleet. As this is deep-fishing, no doubt a bounty could be authorized during the first few years, while the industry is in the first stages of its development. —Halifax Maritime Merchant.

How the Germans Shipped Lobsters.

Previous to the outbreak of war a German company established themselves at Grimsby—a port on the northeast coast of England, and shipped lobsters from all parts of the British Isles. During the month of June they received over 10,000 lobsters from various parts of the country. These lobsters were sent to Grimsby by rail. On arrival there, they were packed in large tanks of salt water and the water slowly charged with oxygen. After they had been some hours in this water, they were shipped direct to Hamburg, where they were again put into salt water charged with oxygen before being placed upon the market.

N. F. West Coast Notes.

There has been good codfishing at St. John's and vicinity. Five dollars per qtl. is the price now being paid for green codfish on the coast.

The Gloucester schooners Annie M. Barker, Capt. J. Belong, and J. J. Liberty, Capt. J. Campbell are coming to this coast for fish cargoes.

At Bay of Islands codfishing continues good with jigger but with hook and line there is very little or nothing owing to the scarcity of bait. One boat secured 13 quintals in three days last week, one man in a dory secured 10 quintals in the same time.

Pickled Fish.

The situation in pickled fish has not been affected by the war except that buyers are more cautious than usual about purchases, the Maritime Merchant says. There seems to be a good demand for both herring and mackerel from the United States, No. 1 spring mackerel being purchased by the trade at \$7 and No. 2 at \$8. Number one herring are worth \$3.50. Prices of about three to four dollars per barrel and the opinion of the trade is that they are likely to go higher.

Gives Up Whaling.

Captain Joseph Manta of Provincetown, who has just laid his whaling schooner John R. Manta, up at Union wharf, Fairhaven, has announced that he will sell the Manta and retire from the whaling business. Captain Manta, who had been a successful fish merchant, went into the whaling business a dozen or more years ago, and at first his vessels were successful, but the past four or five voyages the returns have not met the expenses and he will give up the venture.

Ipswich Boats Did Well.

During the past few days fishermen in Ipswich Bay have been very fortunate in making good catches of large-sized mackerel, and a number of boats started out but were obliged to put back into the river owing to the heavy sea caused by the easterly storm of Saturday.

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POOR WEEK AT FULTON MARKET

All things considered business was very poor in the salt water fish market last week. Stock was scarce in most cases and necessarily prices were high, as buyers who wanted fish had enough were willing to pay almost any price for it. Forty crafts reached the market, of which 24 carried bluefish, the total weight of blues in pounds being 395,000. In all there were 79,150 fish in number, averaging in weight 5 pounds each. The previous week there were also 24 trips of bluefish, of which the total weight was 473,000 pounds. The previous week blues sold at 3 1-2 to 8 cents per pound with the exception of snappers. Last week large and medium fish brought 3 1-2 to 10 cents, with small fish selling at 6 to 12 cents. Snapper blues this week sold at 5 to 8 cents. It must be noted that bluefish were high in price on days during the week when the supply was short. When there were plenty of fish prices were low. The heaviest trip of bluefish was 7,600 fish and the smallest 900 fish. Only four of the 24 crafts had more than 5,000 fish each, while 12 had less than 3,000 fish each.

Next to bluefish the heaviest catch of fish was weakfish, of which seven crafts landed a total of 258,400 pounds. The preceding week smacks landed 52,000 pounds.

Groundfish—Markt cod brought 1 1-2 to 5 cents; steak cod, 4 to 14 cents; haddock, 2 to 5 cents; hake, 2 1-2 to 7 cents.

Western white halibut sold at 7 to 9 cents.

Mackerel—Tinkers brought \$10 to \$14 per barrel, bloaters 25 to 35 cents each, and mediums 15 to 20 cents.

Halibut Sale.

The halibut fare of sch. Rhodora sold to the American Halibut Company for 10 cents per pound for white and 7 for gray. The fare of sch. Monitor sold to the New England Fish Company at the same prices.

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JOHN WILLIAMS HAS FINE CATCH

Eugenia Hails For 60,000 Pounds Salt Drift Cod—Many Other Arrivals.

It was rather lively along the waterfront this morning quite a fleet of arrivals having put in since yesterday.

Two halibut fares were on the market, schs. Monitor, Capt. George Marr bringing at 12,000 pound fare and Rhodora, Capt. Peterson, 6000 pounds. Both crafts had some fresh and salt shack in addition.

With the largest salt drifting fare of the season, sch. Eugenia, Capt. John Williams is here, his hail being for 60,000 pounds salt cod. Sch. Jubilee, another of the drifters also has a nice fare, hailing for 40,000 pounds.

Other arrivals are schs. Smuggler shacking from Quero Bank with 60,000 pounds salt and 80,000 pounds fresh cod and few halibut; Russell, via Boston, 100,000 pound fresh fish; W. H. Moody, also from Boston with 8000 pounds fresh fish.

Of the seiners, these arrivals were reported: Schs. Rob Roy, 65 barrels salt mackerel; Pinta, 10 barrels; Little Fannie, 11½ barrels; Marguerite Haskins, 16 barrels.

The gasoline boats landed on bluebacks again yesterday, two fares of 100 barrels each being landed which took out at the freezer.

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Sch. Pinta, seining, 10 bbls. salt mackerel.

Sch. Rob Roy, seining, 65 bbls. salt mackerel.

Sch. W. H. Moody, via Boston, 8000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Jubilee, salt drifting, 40,000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Smuggler, Quero Bank, 60,000 lbs. salt cod, 80,000 lbs. fresh cod, 1000 lbs. fresh halibut.

Sch. Little Fannie, seining, 11½ bbls. salt mackerel.

Sch. Rhodora, LeHave Bank, 6000 lbs. fresh halibut, 5000 lbs. salt cod, 15,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Russell, via Boston, 100,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Italian boat, seining, 100 bbls. fresh bluebacks.

Sch. Eugenia, salt drifting, 60,000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Catherine Burke, via Portland.

Sch. Marguerite Haskins, seining, 16 bbls. salt mackerel.

Sch. Monitor, Quero Bank, 12,000 lbs. fresh halibut, 15,000 lbs. salt cod, 5000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Essex, Bay of Islands, N. F., 350,000 lbs. salt cod, 100 qtls. cured fish, 30 bbls. herring.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Ralph L. Hall, seining.

Sch. Arthur James, seining.

Steamer Dolphin, seining.

Sch. Aloha, North Bay mackerel trip.

Sch. Titania, Georges handling.

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MAINTAIN PRICE ON SALT FISH

"There isn't any action around here to speak of," said the executive of a large New York salt fish house last Wednesday.

"Gloucester is maintaining prices, it seems," said a leading New York authority. "The Government is investigating the high price of fish down there, I understand. Well, the principal difference in price is due to the fact that fat and fine fish are now on the market instead of the thin variety with which we had to content ourselves up to a fortnight ago. The new fish has sold as high as \$19 a barrel. Of course, the fat fish are worth much more," he concluded.

Seward, Alaska, Aug. 25.—The war has created a sudden market for salted fish. The local salteries have just sold the season's output at a fancy price. Usually they are obliged to scour the country to place their product.

The situation in the New York market for salt fish remains much the same as during the past week. The tone in all lines is firm, but there is not much demand and buyers are covering only the wants of the moment. —Fishing Gazette.